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Valley, accompanied by Lieutenant John Wm. Gunnison.

*Sat. 1.*—Wm. Dayton was accidentally killed and Geo. W. Bean crippled for life, by the premature discharge of a cannon at Fort Utah (Provo), Utah.

*Sun. 2.*—The ship *James Pennell* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 236 Saints, under the direction of Thomas H. Clark, bound for G. S. L. Valley. It arrived at New Orleans Oct. 22nd.

*Wed. 5.*—The ship *Berlin* sailed from Liverpool with 253 Saints, under James G. Brown's direction, bound for G. S. L. Valley; it arrived at New Orleans Oct. 22nd.

*Tuesday, 26.—*Orson Spencer arrived in G. S. L. Valley, with his company of British Saints.

*Sun. 23.*—Thrice companies of emigrating Saints were exposed to the fury of a tremendous snow-storm near the South Pass. Sixty head of cattle perished.

*Sept. 6.*—The Deseret Dramatic Association was organized in G. S. L. City.

On this and the following day a general conference of the Church was held in G. S. L. City, at which the Perpetual Emigration Fund was commenced. John Taylor, Curtis E. Bolton and John Pack were called on missions to France; Erastus Snow and Peter O. Hansen to Denmark; Lorenzo Snow and Joseph Toronto to Italy; Franklin D. Richards, Joseph W. Johnson, Joseph W. Young, Job Smith, Haden W. Church, Geo. B. Wallace and John S. Higbee to Great Britain; Charles C. Rich and Francis M. Pomeroy to Lower California; Addison Pratt, James S. California; Hiram H. Blackwell to the Society Islands; and John E. Forsgren to Sweden. A "Carrying Company," for carrying goods from the Missouri river to the Valley, and also to run a wagon passenger train, was organized. It was voted to lay off a city in Capt. James Brown's neighborhood (Ogden), and another one in Utan Valley (Provo), also to make a settlement in Sampson Valley (Manti). For the latter Isaac Morley, Charles Shumway and Seth Taft were appointed a president.

*Fri. 12.*—The First Presidency issued the "Second General Epistle" from G. S. L. Valley, to the Saints in all the world. *Fri. 19.*—The missionaries' camp was organized for traveling. Snadach Roundy being appointed president. The company consisted of 35 men, with 12 wagons, 1 carriage, and 42 horses and mules. Among the Elders were Apostles Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow and Franklin D. Richards, Bishop Edward Hunter and other prominent men. It was the first company of missionaries sent from the Rocky Mountains November. *Sat. 10.*—The ship *Zelend* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 250 Saints, under the direction of S. H. Hawkins. It arrived at New Orleans Dec. 24th.

*Mon. 12.*—The missionaries traveling east were attacked by about two hundred Cheyenne warriors, on the Platte river, but escaped unhurt. *Mon. 13.*—Sampeute Valley was settled by

a company, under the guidance of Isaac Morley, Seth Taft and Charles Shumway. They located near the present site of S. L. City, and the remainder followed in

Manti.

*Fri. 23.*—An exploring company, consisting of about fifty men, was organized at Capt. John Brown's house, on Big Cottonwood, with Apostle Parley P. Pratt as president; it started the next day to explore what is now southern Utah.

*December.*—The general assembly of the Provisional State of Deseret met for the second time and held adjourned meetings at intervals throughout the winter.

Among the important business done was the creating of Great Salt Lake, Weber, Provo), in which several were killed and wounded on both sides. The Indians subsequently retreated to the mountains.

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Indians and children were subsequently taken to G. S. L. City, and a number of the children adopted by citizens.

*Mon. 18.*—The ship *Josiah Bradley* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 263 Saints under the direction of Thomas Day. It arrived at New Orleans April 18th.

*Mon. 24.*—A terrific wind swept over G. S. L. Valley from the south.

Before the end of the year, the Saints who had settled on the Little Cottonwood creek, south of G. S. L. City, were organized into a ward, named Little Cottonwood, with Silas Richards as Bishop.

## 1850.

In Utah Valley, where a number of new settlements were founded during the year, the Saints had trouble with the Indians.

The first missions of the Church were opened in France, Italy and Denmark by Apostles John Taylor, Lorenzo Snow and Erastus Snow respectively, assisted by other Elders. Later in the year the first Latter-day Saint Elders also arrived in Switzerland and in Hawaii (Sandwich Islands) and commenced missionary labors. The Territory of Utah was created by act of Congress.

*January.*—The British Mission contained about twenty-eight thousand Saints, having increased more than ten thousand during the last sixteen months.

—Apostle Parley P. Pratt's company explored the southern country as far south as the mouth of the Santa Clara River, beyond the Rim of the Basin.

*February.*—The ship *Zelend* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 402 Saints, under the direction of Jeter Clinton. It arrived at New Orleans March 8th.

*Mon. 21.*—Apostle Parley P. Pratt's company on its return from the South went into winter camp on Chalk Creek (near Cheyenne) and remained there until the present site of Fillmore), unable to

travel further with wagons through the deep snow. Twenty-four of the men with the best horses and mutes pushed on to G. S. L. City, and the remainder followed in

Piedmont.

*Fri. 26.*—A company of one hundred minute men, under command of Capt. Geo. D. Grant, left G. S. L. City for Utah County to protect the settlers there against the depredations of the Indians (Utes).

*Fri. 8.*—On this and the following day a battle was fought between the "minute men" and about seventy Indian warriors under Big Elk, close to Utah Fort (now Provo), in which several were killed and wounded on both sides. The Indians subsequently retreated to the mountains.

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*Mon. 22.*—A light shock of earthquake was felt in G. S. L. Valley.

*March.*—*Sat. 2.*—The ship *Hawley* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 109 Saints, under David Cook's direction. It arrived at New Orleans May 2nd.

*Sun. 3.*—Oliver Cowdery died in faith, at Richmond, Ray Co., Mo., of consumption.

*Tues. 5.*—A branch of the Church was organized at Ogden with Lorin Farr as president.

*Tues. 26.*—Col. Thos. L. Kane delivered his famous lecture on the "Mormons" before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

*April.*—*Sat. 6.*—The 20th annual conference of the Church was commenced in G. S. L. City; it was continued until the 8th; a number of missionaries were called to Great Britain, the Society Islands, the United States, etc.

—Elder Wm. Howell organized a branch of the Church with six members at Boulogne-sur-Mer, France. This was the first branch of the Church raised up in that country.

*Fri. 12.*—The First Presidency issued the "Third General Epistle" to all the Saints May. *Fri. 24.*—Adulson Pratt arrived at Papeete, Tahiti, on his second mission to the Society Islands, accompanied by Elder James S. Brown.

—The walls of the Manuoo Temple were blown down by a hurricane.

*June.*—The water was higher in G. S. L. Valley than ever before since the Piomers arrived. A number of bridges were washed away and other damage done. Emigrants en route to California passed through G. S. L. City almost daily.

*Sat. 8.*—The first mail of the season from the States arrived in G. S. L. Val-

*Fri. 14.*—Apostle Erastus Snow and Elders John E. Forsgren and Geo. P. Dykes landed in Copenhagen, Denmark, as the first missionaries to Scandinavia, except Elder Peter O. Hansen, who had arrived there a few weeks before.

*Sat. 15.*—The first number of the *Deseret News* was published in G. S. L. City; Willard Richards, editor.

*Tues. 18.*—Apostle John Taylor and Elder Curtis E. Bolton, accompanied by Wm. Howell, arrived at Boulogne, France.

*John Pack* arrived a few days later. Soon afterwards they all proceeded to Paris.

*Tues. 25.*—Apostle Lorenzo Snow and Elders Joseph Toronto and Thos. B. H. Stenhouse arrived at Genoa, Italy, as the first Latter-day Saint missionaries to

that country.

*July.*—Under the new management of Apostle Orson Pratt, the *Millennium Star* had increased its circulation from about three thousand seven hundred to over twenty-two thousand.

*Mon. 1.*—Elder Thos. B. H. Stenhouse and Joseph Toronto left Genoa, Italy, according to appointment by Apostle Loren-

zo Snow, to visit the Protestant valleys of Piedmont.

*Thurs. 4.*—Parley's Canyon, Utah, was opened for travel under the name of the "Golden Pass"; Parley P. Pratt, pro-

prietor. The toll was 75 cts. for each con-

veyance drawn by two animals, and 10 cents for each additional draught, pack or saddle animal, etc. The Newark Rangers,

saddle from Kendall County, Ill., was the first company to follow Apostle Pratt through the pass, which opened a new road through the mountains from the Weber river to G. S. L. Valley.

—The general assembly of the State of Deseret held a joint session and passed an ordinance taxing the sale of liquor at the rate of 50 per cent. ad valorem.

*Fri. 19.*—Elder John E. Forsgren baptized his brother Peter A. Forsgren, near Gefle, Sweden. This was the first baptism in Sweden by divine authority in this dispensation.

*Tues. 23.*—Apostle Lorenzo Snow left Genoa, Italy, and traveled via Turin to La Tour, in the valley of Luzerne, Piedmont.

*Wed. 24.*—Pioneer day was celebrated in Italy to follow Apostle Pratt through the pass, which opened a new road through the mountains from the Weber river to G. S. L. Valley.

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*Mon. 27.*—Pioneer day was celebrated in Italy to follow Apostle Pratt through the pass, which opened a carriage built for the oc-

casional, 9 feet wide and 29 feet long, drawn by 14 horses. Willard Richards delivered the oration.

*Wed. 31.*—Pres. Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball left G. S. L. City on their first visit to Sampeute Valley; they returned Aug. 12th.

*August.*—Lehi, Utah Valley, was first settled; about the same time two neighboring towns of American Fork and Pleasant Grove were settled.

*Mon. 5.*—Pres. Brigham Young pointed out the site for a Temple on the hill where the Mantle Temple, Sampeute Co., Utah, now stands.

*Mon. 12.*—The first baptisms in Denmark, by divine authority in this dispensation, took place in Copenhagen, Apostle Erastus Snow baptizing fifteen persons in Øresund. The first man baptized was Ole

U. C. Münster and the first woman Anna Beckstrom.

*Thurs. 15.*—Apostle Orson Hyde arrived in G. S. L. City from Kanesville, Iowa, and reported eight hundred wagons with “Mormon” emigrants organized for crossing.

*Aug. 25.*—The Sacrament was administered for the first time in Denmark by divine authority in this dispensation, at a meeting held in Copenhagen.

*Wed. 29.*—Capt. Howard Stanbury and wife, having completed their surveys, left G. S. L. City, on their return to Washington.

—Presidents Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball, Apostles Orson Hyde, Bishop Newell K. Whitney, Daniel H. Wells and others left G. S. L. City for the purpose of locating a city on the Weber (Ogden).

They returned on the 31st, having located the site corner stake and given a plan for the city of Ogden.

*Sun. 1.*—A small branch of the Church was organized in Dublin, Ireland, by Elder Edward Sutherland.

*Wed. 4.*—The ship *North Atlantic* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 357 Saints under the presidency of David Sudworth and Hamilton G. Park. It arrived at New Orleans Nov. 1st.

*Fri. 6.*—The semi-annual conference of the Church was commenced in G. S. L. City; it continued until the 8th. Willard Snow, Edward Hunter and Daniel Spencer were chosen as a committee to transact the business of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company. Isaac Morley was authorized to select one hundred men, with or without families, to settle Sanpete Valley.

*Mon. 9.*—The act of Congress providing for the organization of the Territory of Utah was approved. The original size of the Territory was about 225,000 square miles, being bounded on the north by Oregon, east by the summit of the Rocky Mountains, south by the 37th parallel of north latitude, and west by California.

*Thurs. 12.*—Capt. Johnson's second fifty of emigrants arrived in G. S. L. City.

*Sat. 14.*—An ordinance incorporating the Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company was passed by the General assembly of the State of Deseret.

*Sun. 15.*—At a public meeting (resolved into a special conference of the Church) held in the Bowery, Salt Lake City, Brigham Young was chosen president of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company, with Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards, Newell K. Whitney, Orson Hyde, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, Jedediah M. Grant, Daniel H. Wells, Willard Snow, Edward Hunter, Daniel Spencer, Thomas Bullock, John Brown, William Crosby, Amasa M. Lyman, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Young and Parley P. Pratt as assistants.

—The first branch of the Church in Scandinavia was organized in Copenhagen, Denmark, with fifty members.

*Sun. 18.*—Fabez Woodard joined Lorenzo Snow and fellow-missionaries in Italy.

*Thurs. 19.*—Apostle Lorenzo Snow and Elders Joseph Toronto, Thos. B. H. Stenhouse and Jabez Woodard ascended a high

mountain, which they named Mount Brigham, near La Tour, Valley of Lauterne, Piedmont, Italy, and organized themselves into the first branch of the Church in that country.

*Fri. 20.*—Pres. Brigham Young was appointed governor of Utah Territory; Benjamin D. Harris, of Vermont, secretary; Joseph Buffington, of Pennsylvania, chief justice; Perry C. Brocehus, of Alabama, and Zerubbabel Snow, of Ohio, associate justices; Seth M. Blair, of Utah, U. S. attorney, and Joseph L. Heywood, of Utah, U. S. marshal.

*Mon. 23.*—Newell K. Whitney, presiding Bishop of the Church, died in G. S. L. City.

*Fri. 27.*—The First Presidency issued the “Fourth General Epistle,” from G. S. L. Valley, to all the Saints.

*Sun. 29.*—Amasa M. Lyman arrived in G. S. L. City from California, accompanied by a number of brethren who returned from an unsuccessful trip to the California gold mines. A similar company arrived in November.

*October.*—Springville, Utah Co., was settled by Aaron Johnson and others.

*Tues. 1.*—Apostle Orson Hyde left G. S. L. City for Kanesville, Iowa.

*Wed. 2.*—The ship *James Penwell* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 254 Saints under the direction of Christopher Layton. It arrived at New Orleans Nov. 22, 1850.

*Sat. 5.*—The general assembly of Deseret met and passed a bill, providing for the organization of Davis County.

*Thurs. 10.*—Elder Geo. P. Dykes arrived as a missionary in Aalborg, Jutland, Denmark, where he commenced to baptize

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*Sun. 24.*—Bishop Edward Hunter arrived in G. S. L. City with the first company of P. E. Fund emigrants from the United States.

*Mon. 14.*—Apostle Willard Woodruff and family arrived in G. S. L. City from Scandinavia.

*Sun. 13.*—Bishop Edward Hunter arrived in G. S. L. City with the first company of P. E. Fund emigrants from the United States.

*Sat. 7.*—A branch of the Church was organized in Aalborg, which was the second branch in Scandinavia.

*Sun. 13.*—The mail bringing the first information to the Valley of the organization of the Territory of Utah, arrived in G. S. L. City.

*Thurs. 17.*—The ship *Joseph Badger*, sailed from Liverpool, England, with 227 Saints on board, under the direction of John Morris; it arrived at New Orleans Nov. 22d.

*Sun. 20.*—James Pace and others with their families arrived on Peetzetteet Creek, Utah Valley, and settled what is now Payson.

*Sat. 26.*—At an adjourned meeting of the Seventies, held in the Bowery, G. S. L. City, it was resolved to build a hall, to be called “The Seventies Hall of Science”; \$5,200 worth of shares were subscribed for at once, each share being \$25.

*Sun. 27.*—Apostle Lorenzo Snow baptized a man at La Tour, Valley of Luzerne, Piedmont, Italy, as the first fruit of preaching the fulness of the gospel in that land. Soon afterwards a number of others were baptized in the same locality.

*Mon. 28.*—Elder J. Joseph A. Stratton died in G. S. L. City.

*November.* *Sun. 3.*—Thomas Ford, ex-governor of Illinois, died at Peoria, Ill.

*Tues. 12.*—Apostle Charles C. Rich, O. Porter Rockwell and about fifty other brethren arrived in G. S. L. City from California.

*Mon. 18.*—Apostle Orson Hyde arrived at Kanesville, Iowa, from his visit to G. S. L. City.

*Wednesday.*—City charters were granted to Ogden, Provo, Mant and Parowan, by the general assembly of the State of Deseret.

*Tues. 24.*—Apostle Lorenzo Snow ordained Jabez Woodard a High Priest and called him to preside over the Church in Italy. He also ordained Thos. B. H. Stenhouse a High Priest and appointed him to open up the gospel door in Switzerland. This was done on “Mount Brigham,” Piedmont, Italy.

*Wed. 27.*—The Warm Springs bath-house, north of G. S. L. City, was opened with a festival attended by the First presidency, a number of the Apostles and other leading men. Heber C. Kimball offered the dedicatory prayer.

*December.*—Thirty families, including 118 men, left G. S. L. City with 101 wagons and six hundred head of stock, under the direction of Apostle Geo. A. Smith, for the Little Salt Lake Valley, to locate a settlement there.

—Elder Thos. B. H. Stenhouse commenced to preach the gospel in Geneva, as the first Latter-day Saint missionary in Switzerland.

*Mon. 2.*—The general assembly of Deseret opened its third session in G. S. L. City. After sitting four days the house adjourned till the first Monday in January, 1851.

*The first meeting in the Council House, G. S. L. City, was held.*

*Sat. 7.*—A branch of the Church was organized in G. S. L. City by Apostle John Taylor and co-laborers in Paris, France.

*Thurs. 12.*—Hiram Clark, Thos. Whittle, Henry W. Bigler, Thos. Morris, John Dixon, Wm. Farmer, James Hawkins, Hiram H. Blackwell, James Keefer and Geo. Q. Cannon arrived at Honohin as the first Latter-day Saint missionaries to Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).

*Wed. 20.*—A branch of the Church was organized by Apostle Geo. A. Smith at Payson, Utah Co., with James Pace as president.

## 1851.

Great Salt Lake City, Utah, was incorporated and the first officers elected. The newly appointed officers for the Territory of Utah entered upon the duties of their offices. The first Territorial legislature convened in G. S. L. City and passed important laws. In the spring of the year school houses were built in most of the Wards in G. S. L. City, and also in the country Wards. A railroad (with wooden rails) was built from G. S. L. City to Red Butte canyon, to bring rocks to the Temple Block. Cedar City, Iron Co., North Wil-

low Creek (now Willard City). Box Elder Co. and Nephi, Juab Co., were settled this year. North Ogden, Weber Co., was settled by Solomon, Jonathan and Samuel Campbell, John Riddle and others; Santaquin, Utah Co., by Benjamin F. Johnson and others, and Carson County (now in the State of Nevada) by Col. John Reese. A settlement of the Saints (San Bernardino) was founded in Southern California. Missions were opened in New South Wales, Australia), and in India.

*January.*—City charters were granted to Ogden, Provo, Mant and Parowan, by the general assembly of the State of Deseret.

*Tues. 3.*—*Urgorm Seion* (Zion's Trumpet), the organ of the Church in Wales, was changed to all the Saints.

*Mon. 29.*—The first native Elder in the Scandinavian mission (Christian Christiansen) was ordained by Apostle Erastus Snow, at Copenhagen, Denmark.

*Fri. 3.*—The first criminal trial by jury took place in the Provisional State of Deseret, in G. S. L. City.

*Mon. 6.*—The general assembly of the State of Deseret met in G. S. L. City; daily meetings were held until the 17th, when it adjourned until the first Tuesday in February. Much important business was transacted.

*Wed. 8.*—The ship *Ellen* sailed from Liverpool, England, with 466 Saints, under the direction of James W. Cummings; it arrived at New Orleans, March 13th.

*Tues. 9.*—The bill incorporating G. S. L. City was passed by the general assembly of Deseret, and the following officers were appointed by the governor and assembly: Jedidiah M. Grant, mayor; Nathaniel H. Felt, Wm. Snow, Jesse P. Harmon and Nathaniel V. Jones, aldermen; Vincent Shurtliff, Benjamin L. Clapp, Zera Pulsifer, Wm. G. Perkins, Lewis Robison, Harrison Burgess, Peter Clinton, John L. Dunyon, and Samuel W. Richards, commissioners.

*Sat. 17.*—The G. S. L. City council assembled in the Representatives Hall, and the officers elect took their oath of office from Thomas Bullock, clerk of the county court; when the council proceeded to complete the city organization by electing Robert Campbell, recorder; Thomas Rhodes, treasurer; and Elam Laddington, marshal. The city was divided into four municipal wards.

*Mon. 13.*—Apostle Geo. A. Smith and company of settlers arrived on Centre Creek, Little Salt Lake Valley, Utah, where they located a town site, which later was named Parowan. They commenced their settlement by building a fort.

*Sat. 18.*—On this and the following day the Seventies held a special conference in the Bowery, G. S. L. City; a number of vacancies were filled and other important business was transacted.